

# POSTCONVICTION DNA TESTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Component: 40.30.910

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Newer technologies have increased the successful DNA analysis of aged, degraded, limited, or otherwise compromised biological evidence. Crime scene samples once thought to be unsuitable for testing may now yield DNA profiles. Samples that previously generated inconclusive DNA results may now be amenable to reanalysis using newer methods. Sub-awarded are two California Innocence Projects to conduct postconviction DNA testing as outlined pursuant to California Penal Code § 1405. The objective of this Program is to help defray the costs associated with postconviction DNA testing of forcible rape, murder and non-negligent manslaughter cases in which actual innocence might be demonstrated. Eligible for testing are indigent California inmates convicted of and in prison for committing the aforementioned crimes.

The following types of expenditures from awards under this program may be permitted:

- Acquiring laboratory supplies for DNA analysis of biological evidence.
- Overtime for people directly engaged in case review, location of evidence, or DNA analysis of biological evidence.
- Hiring consultants and/or temporary contract staff who will conduct case reviews, locate evidence, or conduct DNA analysis of biological evidence.
- Contracts with accredited fee-for-service vendors to conduct DNA analysis of biological evidence.
- Upgrading, replacing, leasing or purchasing computer hardware or software that will be used exclusively for case review, location of evidence, or DNA analysis of biological evidence.
- Salaries and benefits of additional full or part-time employees to the extent such employees are directly engaged in case review, location of evidence, or DNA analysis of biological evidence.

## FUNDS AWARDED

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Types of Funding</u>	<u>Total Funding</u>
FY 2008/09	Program did not exist	\$ 0
FY 2009/10	Postconviction DNA Testing Assistance FFY 2009	\$ 2,425,000
FY 2010/11	One-time funded program	\$ 0

## 2008/09 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

No statistics for FY 2008/09 due to the program starting in 2009/10.

## 2009/10 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Not Available

## 2010/11 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Not Available

## List of Recipients

**Program Name:** Postconviction DNA Testing Assistance Program

**Grant Period:** November 1, 2009 – April 30, 2011

RECIPIENT AWARD NUMBER	RECIPIENT NAME	09 DNA Testing Fund	TOTAL PROJECT COST
CK09011794	Northern California Innocence Project	\$ 1,925,000	\$ 1,925,000
CK09011793	California Innocence Project	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
<b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>		<b>\$ 2,425,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,425,000</b>